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(54) PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UTILIZING COMMUNICATION NETWORK

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To rationalize the delivery and reception of commodities when the commodities are purchased by making use of the internet.

SOLUTION: A user selects an electronic commodity catalog on the internet, breaks the connection with a changeover key, and then makes a switching connection with a membership dedicated net after confirming purchase conditions, thereby ordering a commodity. The order is transmitted from a center server 26 which manages nationwide purchase applications to an order reception management server 27 exclusively for physical distribution, a maker server 28, and a physical distribution management server 29 of forwarding business which are independently present by areas and in contract relation, so that the commodity is delivered to the home or a nearby convenience store. The user can track and confirm the progress state of the delivery and the information of delivery completion on a screen with information of the physical distribution data base of the center server.

